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### Local and State Affairs.

#### The Agricultural Association.

A meeting of the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association was held on Saturday afternoon last. Charles Beaman, Esq., President, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Upon call of committee, Mr. R. R. Cochran, from Committee on Stock subscriptions reported additional subscription of one hundred shares. Mr. Wm. R. Cochran, from Committee on grounds, reported that the committee had no doubt of being able to secure an eligible location very near the R. R. depot; that several sites had been proposed, and that, as soon as the weather would permit, the Executive Committee would critically examine the grounds, and hope to be able to report at next meeting more definitely.

There was a very encouraging attendance of those interested in the enterprise, and the feeling prevailed that the holding of the exhibition next fall was no longer a question of doubt, and that every exertion would be made to secure co-operation from all sections of the peninsula. States adjoining. Our agriculturists may confidently expect a rare display of the latest improved farm machinery, and some of the finest bloods of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry and fruits. The ladies will be cordially invited to assist in preparing to make their respective departments second to none, and lovers of good horticulture will have an opportunity to witness "trials of speed" that will delight the eyes of the most fastidious equestrian.

Another meeting of the members will be held on Saturday next, and we hope our citizens will not fail to identify themselves with an association whose labors will not only contribute to the pleasure of our people, but must be of incalculable benefit to the agricultural interests of the Peninsula.

#### Delaware City Items

[From our Del. City Correspondent.]

At last meeting of Kirkwood B. & L. Association funds sold at 8 1/2 to 10 per cent.

The Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Co., are repairing the locks and putting in new wickets.

The Steamer Major Reynolds, resumed her trips on Tuesday last.

Mr. B. D. Longland has rented the Delaware City Hotel, and will take possession on the 25th proximo.

W. H. Jefferson & Co., of New Castle, shipped from this city, to Belfast, Maine, one day last week, over five thousand bushels of corn.

Mr. Barney Reynolds living near this city, shipped, a few weeks ago, per steamer Indiana, of the American Steamship line, a lot of apples to Liverpool, England, which netted him \$8.50 per barrel.

#### Minor Topics.

J. H. Walker has been appointed assignee of J. G. Lowler, bankrupt.

The Middletown Hotel has been opened by Mr. W. C. Fountain, under charge of Alex. Maxwell.

Read the advertisement of the Messrs. Johnson of Smyrna, in to-day's issue. It will pay you.

And now Wilmington wants to hear the Middletown minstrels. Frank Nolan has offered them inducements to "concertize the city."

At the regular meeting of the Mutual Loan Association of Middletown, on Tuesday evening funds sold at 1.80 @ 1.90 per cent per share, monthly premium.

The Odeon Tableau and Charades exhibition comes off on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and the ladies will give a supper at the same time, consisting of Terrapins and other good things.

The Fair and Festival of the M. B. Church, of this town, will commence on Tuesday evening and continue over Wednesday. This promises to be an excellent affair. Great preparations are being made.

One of our young men, a clerk in a dry goods store, received a nice package by express a few days ago, somewhere about the 14th, which when opened, and charges paid, was found to contain an aged specimen of a defunct terrapin.

#### Minor Items.

[From our Middletown Correspondent.]

Fire.—On Monday last, about one o'clock in the afternoon, the barn and stables of Mr. Andrew Beaman were discovered to be on fire, and in a little while were entirely consumed with all their contents, consisting of all his plough gears and wagon harness and six or eight tops of hay. Fortunately there was but one horse in the stable at the time, which was gotten out unharmed. Loss not ascertained. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Good Prices.—The property at the sale of T. G. Murphy, (advertised in the Transcript), last Tuesday, brought good prices. The bidding was quite spirited. Mr. S. M. Enos, of Odessa, was the auctioneer, and any one having property to dispose of would do well to employ him. Sam's the boy to please the people.

The protracted meeting in the M. B. Church, at Chesapeake City, which has been brought to a close, resulted in the conversion of about eighty persons—a number of them the most prominent in the community.

#### Granville Worrell.

The prince of Wilmington merchants has removed his carpet house from his old stand at 222 Market to his new and elegant store in the Masonic Temple. He has recently had great changes and improvements made in his store and has now accommodations that enable him to keep a stock that cannot fail to please the most particular. Read his advertisement on our fourth page this week.

#### Sudden Death.

Ward S. Vandergrift, Esq., who resided with his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Vandergrift, near Armstrong's, died very suddenly on Wednesday morning. He was in apparent good health the day before. On Tuesday evening he complained of a slight headache, but arose as usual on Wednesday morning, and fell dead while dressing. Mr. V. was about 69 years old.

#### Service at Armstrong's.

Rev. Dr. Patton will preach at the Chapel at Armstrong's on to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, all persons are cordially invited.

## The Peach Growers in Conflict.

The Peninsular Fruit Growers' Association met in the Farmers' Club Rooms in Dover, on Tuesday last. The attendance was very good.

John P. Cochran, Esq., the President, being absent, S. F. Shalleron was chosen President pro tempore. The minutes of last meeting being read and approved, Mr. Fulton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to ascertain and publish a list of responsible and trustworthy commission men, whom this Association can recommend from past experience, as in every way reliable and worthy of patronage.

In explanation of his resolution, Mr. Fulton said it was a notorious fact that the commission business was very badly managed and unsatisfactory. Such was his experience. Some years ago he shipped fruit to a house in Philadelphia, and the first year, was well treated. After that things did not go so favorably; the accounts were confused, prices low, and baskets neither returned nor accounted for. He called upon the commission men, and got some fair promises, but there it ended. They refused to pay for lost baskets in spite of an express understanding that they were to do so. He thought, in justice to honest and competent assignees, as well as shippers, the resolution ought to pass.

Sam'l Townsend, Esq., opposed the resolution. He thought that shippers would find out for themselves honest and competent commission men, without the appointment of a committee; and he did not think this society was called upon to incur the expense of such an investigation for the benefit of outsiders who never spent a dollar for its advantage. If they did get bit, they had nobody to blame but their own penurious disposition, and deserved it. Besides, there would always be a difference of opinion. Some would be satisfied and others not. He would rather publish a list of the scoundrels who cheated their customers, and would be in favor of a resolution of that kind.

Mr. Causey said he was a member of the Central Association, and it had published such a list and every commission house, but one, on that list had given satisfaction, one had not, but on being threatened with exposure and displacement, it too had made amends. He had no doubt of the satisfactory influence of such a resolution.

With consent of the mover, the resolution was then modified to read as follows, and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to procure a register, and make two separate lists therein; in the first shall be recorded for the use of this Association the names of all responsible and trustworthy commission men whom the members thereof, can, from their past experience, recommend as worthy of patronage; and in the second, which shall be called the Black List, shall be inserted the names of those who have been unfaithful or dishonest.

Mr. Hayes, from the committee on New Markets and New Routes, reported progress, and the report was received and the committee continued. The report was very favorable and encouraging. It stated that the committee had had interviews with the different railroad managements, and that they were prepared to carry fruit in bulk, and without break as far as Boston, in simple time, and at fair rates. From this report it seems peaches can be carried from Dover to Boston in twenty-three hours. Besides this the Boston train might leave Dover at 9 or even 10 o'clock. P. M., giving growers the whole time for the departure of the New York train, to pack and load.

On motion of Mr. Day, the Secretary was instructed to have the Charter of Incorporation, passed at the last session of the legislature, recorded.

Mr. Gresham, of Richmond, Virginia, on invitation, exhibited for inspection some models of the "Georgia Grape Crate," and on motion of Messrs. Fulton and Hayes, it was

Resolved, That the "Georgia Grape Crate and Boxes" be recommended to shippers as an improvement on those now in use.

The Association then adjourned till the second Tuesday in May next.

#### The R. R. Accident near Seaford.

The accident on the Delaware Railroad near Seaford, mentioned in our last issue, by which a carriage was broken up and two men killed, and others injured, has been rather a muddled affair. It appears to have been the result of a too careless provision on the part of that N. Y. Herald reporter and his companion against the cold and wet, whereby they became considerably befuddled. The Seaford Citizen relates it thusly:—

Desiring to go to Cambridge in time for the execution next day, there being no railroad connection at night, Dobbin, (the Herald reporter), hired of Mr. John Owens, a double team for \$20 to take him over to Cambridge. Mr. Owens accompanied him, where they arrived without any accident.

On their return on Friday night it was snowing furiously, and when near the cottage above referred to, (here is where the mystery occurs), the horses left the county road and proceeded directly up the railroad track, to a distance of some seventy yards, and when struck by the train were unharnessed and tied behind the carriage. Both horses were killed, the carriage completely demolished, and Mr. Owens, who was in the front seat, was thrown out and sustained the slightest injury. Where Dobbin was at the time of the accident he has been unable to learn, but presume that he was somewhere in the immediate vicinity "taking notes."

The Federalburg, Md., Courier, records the accident in this manner, alluding to the reporter as a second Stanley: "At New Hope on their return, Stanley was so mellow that he couldn't say anything; the driver called for cider. At Federalburg, brandy was requested. Things got mellow and more mellow until finally they struck Ross' crossing, a mile above Seaford. Stanley's companion was doing, and Stanley wanting to emulate Stanley I at something daring, drove down the railroad towards Seaford. He hadn't gone far when he discovered the idea of stopping there awhile. Accordingly he unhitched the horses from the front and hitched them to the rear of the carriage, on the track and took a post (sic) time (sic) as guard (sic) along side." The train came along, killed both horses, splintered the carriage, and the Herald hasn't probably got that exception report yet."

#### Citizens' Meeting.

In another column will be found a call, signed "many citizens," for a meeting to be held at the office of T. B. Bidd, Esq., on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of nominating a ticket to be voted at the coming town election. All are invited to attend and participate. The call is published that it may reach everybody, and the centre of the town is selected that it may be convenient to all, and if any one fails to attend he certainly will have no right to find fault with the action of the meeting.

## Democratic County Executive Committee.

The following gentlemen constitute the Democratic Executive Committee for this county:

New Castle Hundred: George Gray; Wilmington, Jesse B. Sharp; Sandywine Hundred, Thos. L. Talley; Christiansburg, John W. R. Killgore; Mill Creek, Thos. L. J. Baldwin; White Clay Creek, Jas. Springer; Pender, Sewell C. Biggs; Red Lion, Thos. Bird; St. George's, Edwin R. Cochran; Appoquinimink, Francis T. Perry.

## Democratic State Central Committee.

The following gentlemen were appointed as the Committee at the last Democratic State Convention: New Castle county—John P. Cochran, Jesse Sharp & George Gray; Kent county—Jas. L. Smith, Dr. M. G. Lofland, John M. Voshell; Sussex county—O. W. Wright, Wm. R. Tomlinson, & T. Moore.

## Maryland Affairs.

DIAPHRAGM ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last, a little four-year-old son of James Scully residing in Spaniards Neck, Queen Anne's county, Md., met with a distressing and fatal accident. He was amusing himself by driving a mule around the pond with a cartstock, following close behind the heels of the animal. Soon he was heard to scream, and on going to him, he was found lying on the ground with blood running from his face. Medical examination showed that the mule had kicked him on the lower part of the forehead, completely crushing in the frontal plate of the skull, and entirely severing the nose, just between the eyes, from the forehead. The wound was regarded as an extremely dangerous character, and the little sufferer expired Sunday night.

James Spear, Esq., a prominent and well-known citizen of Kent county, died at his residence, near Millington, last Monday week, in his 74th year. He was reputed one of the wealthiest citizens of the county, owning seven fine farms. His estate is said to be worth about \$150,000.

Rev. G. R. Bristol of Chesapeake City M. E. Church received, last week, a donation from a few friends:—\$30 in cash.

## Items of General News.

The crusade of the female temperance propagandists in Ohio continued on Saturday, despite rainy weather. Umbrellas, overcoats and waterproof cloaks gave shelter to the women, while they "gave no rest to the enemy." Meanwhile the "enemy" are not altogether idle, and in Hillsboro they have obtained an injunction against the leaders in the movement. These are not dismayed, however, and say that if the judgment is against them they will disobey it. They argue that because, as they allege, "travellers have been for years disobeying the law and have not been troubled, therefore praying women may be permitted to infringe the strict rule of the law without censure from the travellers." In Xenia, Springfield and Jeffersonville a strongly offensive warfare was carried on against the saloons. In Xenia, the women also visited a disreputable house where liquors were sold, and, we are informed, lured in prayer with the proprietress, and induced her to sign the pledge not to sell any more liquors. Reports from fourteen towns and villages in Ohio show that 80 out of 140 liquor saloons have been closed since the beginning of the movement. In five of these places all the bars have been closed.

W. R. Smith, Adams Express Agent at Granby, Mo., reports that he was knocked down, bound and gagged on Friday morning, on his way home from the office, by several men, who took his keys, broke open the office and carried off \$3100. The robbers are unknown, but are supposed to be the same men who robbed the Iron Mountain Railroad train at Gadsbush.

A reward of \$20,000 has been offered for the arrest of the men who robbed the First National Bank of Quincy, Illinois, last Thursday night, of \$100,000 in currency and a large amount of securities. Among the bonds stolen were \$100,000 of Adams county bonds, numbered from 221 to 400, inclusive. The bank continues business as usual.

It was stated at a meeting of the Cheap Transportation Association in New York, on Tuesday, that a "People's Freight Railroad" would soon be built across the continent, "which would be managed in the interests of the people." It was stated that the road would be finished in three years from its commencement.

The Agricultural Department now forwards seeds, cuttings and bulbs only where there is a plausible assurance that they will be carefully cultivated and some report made of the results. The Department "distributes money freely by express when the expense is paid by the receiver."

A man employed in a paper mill at Burnside, N. Y., was recently caught by his clothing in a shaft revolving 300 times per minute. He was carried about the shaft several times, when his clothing parted and he was hurled into a bin of rags unhurt.

A Providence, R. I., boat dealer has been sent to jail for 90 days for selling a blind man two old boots, of different sizes, as a pair.

The Duluth Herald says the Vermilion Lake Indians have been compelled to eat all their dogs, to save themselves from starvation.

In Michigan, convicts who cannot read and write are to be taught those accomplishments while in prison.

Governor Allen, of Ohio, returns all the dead-head tickets sent him without thanks. [How unlike President Grant.]

A bill repealing the "iron-clad" test oath has been prepared by Butler, of Massachusetts, and White, of Alabama.

The water of the fountain of perpetual youth, according to a French scientist, is buttermilk.

"Praying Costumes" are advertised by a fashionable modiste in Paris. Ten eighteen inches thick is being cut at Bath, Mo.

## FOR RENT:

Two Store Rooms on Main street, opposite the Peninsular Machine Works, suitable for Millinery or Trimming Store. One of them is now in the hands of Mrs. Mary E. Hayes. Apply to J. H. SCOWDRICK.

## Grain, Lumber, Feed, &c.

R. T. EVANS, P. S. COX, ISAAC JONES, Jr.

## E. T. Evans & Co.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

GRAIN

## COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

## COAL, LIME, FLOUR,

FEED, SEEDS,

## FERTILIZERS,

Agricultural Implements, &c.

Best Lehigh and Schuylkill anthracite and Cumberland bituminous Coals on hand at all times.

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J. B. FOARD, WM. A. COMEYER.

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Grain Commission Merchants,

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COAL,

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ALSO,

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Sole agents for

HAMILTON'S CELEBRATED GRAIN AND PHOSPHATE DRILL.

Also agents for

## SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO,

Which we can sell on terms to suit the requirements of the times.

All kinds of COAL constantly on hand, and for sale at the very lowest cash rates.

STANTON MILLS

## BEST BRANDS OF FLOUR.

Having opened our new store opposite the National Hotel, we will at all times keep on hand a full supply of the above articles, and hope, by a strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage.

[Aug 30-17.]

## LUMBER & HARDWARE.

J. B. FENIMORE & CO.

ORIGINATE THE DEPOT,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

## Lumber and Hardware,

BRICKS, LIME, HAIR, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS

MOULDINGS, PAINTS, OILS,

GLASS, ETC. ETC.

Constantly on hand all kinds of

## Building Material,

January 15-17

## Register's Office.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

New Castle County, February 24, 1874.

Upon the application of G. E. H. Hill, Administrator C. T. A. of Samuel Dale, late of St. Georges Hundred in said County, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

G. E. H. HILL, Register.

## NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Administrator on or before February 24, 1875, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

G. E. H. HILL, Register.

## A CARD.

Robert S. Wilds,

FORMERLY OF KENT COUNTY,

Will be pleased to see his friends at

Jones Extensive Clothing House,

604 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Ready-made Clothing, and made to order. Oct 11-3mo.

## Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.

To The Public.

## Great Bargains!

New Fall and Winter Stock

AT CASH PRICES.

Dress Goods of various styles at a discount of 15 per cent. from cash prices. Alpaca, Reps, Delaines, &c. Gentlemen's Wear.

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DO NOT FAIL TO CALL BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE, AS WE WILL MAKE IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.

RESPECTFULLY,

W. H. MOORE & CO.,

Oct 25-17. MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS

IN GREAT VARIETY.

## RUSSIA LEATHER GOODS,

WRITING DESKS,

STEREOSCOPES,

CHROMOS,

Brackets of all Kinds,

Picture Frames

OF EVERY STYLE.

FINE LOT OF STATIONERY, &c.

We have this year made a specialty of Holiday Goods of all kinds, which we offer to our patrons at prices to suit the times.

D. L. DUNNING,

NO. 2, TOWN HALL,

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

## MARKET HOUSE.

The undersigned would respectfully announce to the public and the citizens of Middletown particularly that he has taken the store-house on North Broad street, Middletown, Del., formerly occupied by David W. Elison, having bought out his interest, where I will keep always on hand a well-selected stock of choice Groceries, Fruits and Provisions, as well as a full supply of fresh Vegetables. Also, Fresh and Salt Meat, sliced, at all times. I will also keep an assortment of the very best articles that the market can afford, and will give entire satisfaction to the most fastidious epicure. I will keep on hand a supply of Sausages of all kinds, viz: Ketchup, Celery, Horseradish, Corned Fruits of all kinds at low prices. Call and see and you will be satisfied. All kinds of Produce bought and satisfaction guaranteed. I will keep all kinds of Poultry at market prices for cash, and it will be to the interest of all to call on me before selling or purchasing elsewhere. Goods delivered free of charge.

S. S. HOLTEN.

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